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TAGS:EWWT, A;

SUBJECT:MARINE GROUP OF COMPANIES (MGC)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR COMMENT FROM SUBJECT COMPANY CONCERNING A PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE OF DOMESTIC AND AGRICULTURAL WATER TO MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES THROUGH THE USE OF OIL TANKERS.

2. PRIOR TO DEPT MAKING DECISION AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD SUBSTANTIVELY REPLY, REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE DEPT WITH OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF FIRM'S REPUTATION AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE GERMANE TO THE PROJECT.

3. FIRM'S ADDRESS IS: MARINE HOUSE, 53-57 MARKET ST., SOUTH MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA 3205. CHARLES T. WHITAKER IS THE CHAIRMAN/MANAGING DIRECTOR.

4. DEPT SUGGESTS EMBASSY REFRAIN FROM ALERTING MGC OF DEPT'S REQUEST FOR AN ASSESSMENT. INGERSOLL

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## Message Attributes

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